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SITUATION

DEPT FOR AF/E AND EB/OCA/REP

NAIROBI FOR REDSO/EA

REF: STATE 275634

1. ON REVIEWING AIDAC REFTEL, WHICH REQUESTS EXTENSIVE AND
HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED STUDY OF MALAGASY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS,
IMPACT OF OIL PRICE INCREASES, GROWTH PROSPECTS, INCOME
DISTRIBUTION, ETC. FOR 1973, 1974, AND 1975, TO BE SUBMITTED
BY JAN 6, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:
(A) REF A AND REF B CITED IN REFTEL NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED
HERE. (B) THIS EMBASSY HAS NO AID PERSONNEL WHATSOEVER,
NEITHER AMERICAN NOR LOCAL.

(C) DATA AND ESTIMATES REQUESTED FOR 1974 AND 1975 ARE
NOT AVAILABLE IN ANY FORM HERE, PUBLISHED OR UNPUBLISHED.
IN LARGER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, GOVERNMENT ECONOMISTS AND
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AID/STATE FINANCIAL ECONOMISTS MAY WELL ALREADY HAVE

COLLECTED DATA AND ESTIMATES FOR STUDIES SIMILAR TO THAT REQUESTED REFTEL. THAT IS NOT THE CASE IN MADAGASCAR, HOWEVER. WE UNDERSTAND MALAGASY CENTRAL BANK ECONOMISTS (WHO WILL BE ON LEAVE DURING CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS) DO NOT YET HAVE COMPLETE ESTIMATES ON 1974 BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AND HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEGUN TO MAKE ROUGH ESTIMATES FOR 1975. MOREOVER, IMF MISSION OF SEVERAL MEMBERS SPENT THREE WEEKS IN TANANARIVE IN NOVEMBER COLLECTING DATA TO MAKE BEGINNINGS OF SIMILAR STUDY. HOWEVER USEFUL AND TIMELY MATERIAL REQUESTED, IT WILL REQUIRE DOZENS OF MAN HOURS TO COLLECT (IF IT CAN BE DONE AT ALL OVER HOLIDAYS), AND TO PERFORM HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED ECONOMIC ANALYSIS ON SCANTY AND OFTEN UNRELIABLE DATA AVAILABLE.

(D) EMBASSY'S SOLE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER NOW FULLY OCCUPIED WITH FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT CATALOGUE EXHIBITION OF OVER 100 AMERICAN COMPANIES TO BE STAGED HERE IN JANUARY, AND WITH NEW CERP REQUIREMENT FOR COMPLETE REPORTING ON MALAGASY PETROLEUM IMPORTS/EXPORTS DUE JANUARY 1, IN ADDITION TO REGULAR ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, AND IN VIEW OF DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO BETTER MANAGE AD HOC REPORTING REQUESTS IN LINE WITH OMB RECOMMENDATIONS (DEPARTMENT'S A-3385 OF 4/25/74), EMBASSY IS SURPRISED AND CONCERNED TO RECEIVE SUCH A MAJOR AND HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED AID REPORTING REQUEST, HOWEVER USEFUL, WITH SO LITTLE NOTICE AND WITHOUT ANY INDICATION OF CONCURRENCE WITH CERP OR OTHER REPORTING MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES.

3. IF REQUESTED REPORT IS NONETHELESS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FROM MADAGASCAR, AT LEAST IN PART, WITHIN TIME LIMIT SPECIFIED REFTEL, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR AID TO BEAR OVERTIME COSTS THAT, OF NECESSITY, WILL BE INCURRED. THEREFORE, IF STUDY IS TO BE PURSUED, EMBASSY REQUESTS AID/W FISCAL DATA FOR PAYMENT MINIMUM 20 HOURS OVERTIME FOR FSO-5 AND FOR FSL-3 SENIOR COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT TO ATTEMPT

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UNDERTAKE STUDY DURING CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, OR ALTERNATIVELY REQUEST TDY DETAIL OF AID ECONOMIST FROM REDSO/EA.
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